



# Mayor Reed's e-newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### MAYOR'S EARTH DAY

#### BIKE RIDE

Tuesday April 22nd

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Reed invites you to join him for a lunch time bike ride through Downtown San José and the Guadalupe River Trail. The 45-minute bike ride will depart from the City Hall Plaza and be a part of an Earth Day festival organized by the Environmental Services Department. To participate or for more information, call 408-535-4800 or [visit the Mayor's Website](#).

### 01SJ ARTS FESTIVAL

June 4th - 8th

The biennial global arts festival returns to San José, bringing with it the world's most innovative art exhibits. This exciting cultural event will light up Downtown San José with interactive displays and creative designs. For more information and a list of activities, [visit 01SJ.org](http://01SJ.org)

### RESOURCE FAIR

Sunday June 29th

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The 7th Annual CommUnity Resource Fair will be taking place at History Park. This free event offers an opportunity for residents to access information and services that are provided by the City of San José, County of Santa Clara, and many local non-profit groups. The Resource Fair also includes day long entertainment that the entire family can enjoy. [Visit the Mayor's Website](#) for more information.

Stay up-to-date with the Mayor's events by viewing the Upcoming Events page of the Website.

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS ON THE 2008 BUDGET

With the seventh straight year of deficits in the City's operating budget, Mayor Reed and the City Council have organized community meetings in each of the ten council districts to gather input from residents on how to reconcile the estimated \$22.3 million shortfall while minimizing the impact on services.

These community budget meetings are part of a new process outlined in the Mayor's March Budget Message to increase public participation. They offer an opportunity for residents to learn more about the budget while sharing their ideas and concerns.

In addition to the community meetings, the City Council will hold a series of study sessions in May and public hearings on May 13 and June 16. Both public hearings will be at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The Mayor's June Budget Message will be released on June 6th and be voted on by the City Council on June 17.

Opening the City's annual budget process to provide more outreach to residents was outlined in the Reed Reforms



that the City Council enacted in 2007. This process includes starting the budget process with a survey of the public in early January, holding a Conference on Priorities with neighborhood associations in late January, holding a Council hearing in February to set priorities, and reporting the results in the Mayor's March Budget Message.

To date, District 1, District 3 and District 6 have held their community budget meetings. The discussions have yielded

thoughtful input from residents who have shared their priorities as well as their short and long-term goals for San José.

The community budget meetings are open to the public and are held in the evenings and on weekends to make it easier for residents to participate.

Please [visit the Mayor's Website](#) for a full list of community meetings or more information on the budget process.

## SAN JOSE GREEN VISION UPDATE

Mayor Chuck Reed announced the San José Green Vision on October 5, 2007, laying out 10 ambitious goals for environmental protection and economic development in the City over the next 15 years.

Since being unanimously adopted by the City Council on October 30, City staff has been hard at work implementing numerous

policies related to the Green Vision.

On March 28, the Department of Energy selected San José as a Solar America City and will add funding to encourage the development of the solar industry within the City.

San José is also proud to be the new home of Stion Corporation, SoloPower, and Nanosolar. These companies

will join a growing number of solar and Clean Tech companies located in San José and help accomplish the 15-year goal of creating 25,000 Clean Tech jobs.

To learn more about the Green Vision and the City's Environmental policies, including the 2008-2009 Clean Tech Legislative Agenda, please [visit the Mayor's Website](#).

## CATCH FALCONMANIA! CITY HALL RAPTORS RETURN

In the early evening on Thursday March 13, resident peregrine falcon, Clara, laid the first egg of the falcon season in her nestbox located atop a utility shaft of San José City Hall.

The egg was discovered by viewers of the FalconCam just after 6:00 p.m. Clara has since laid a total of four eggs and has been taking shifts protecting and keeping her new eggs warm along with father, Carlos.

Last year, the viewers of City Hall FalconCam witnessed the hatching, growth and subsequent first flight of three baby falcons, Esperanza, Hiko, and Spirit. Proud parents, Clara and José, witnessed their three children flying out of the nest in mid-June and flying away from



the area permanently in early September.

José also disappeared and a new male falcon garnered Clara's affection. The new falcon, dubbed Carlos, because he was regularly spotted perched atop buildings on San Carlos Street, has made a quick transition to City Hall.

To stay up to date with the latest falcon news, [click here to join the Peregrine Falcon Discussion Forum.](#)

## MAYOR'S GANG PREVENTION TASK FORCE WANTS TO HEAR YOUR CONCERNS

Following a recent increase in homicides and gang violence, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) will be holding Town Hall Meetings throughout San José.

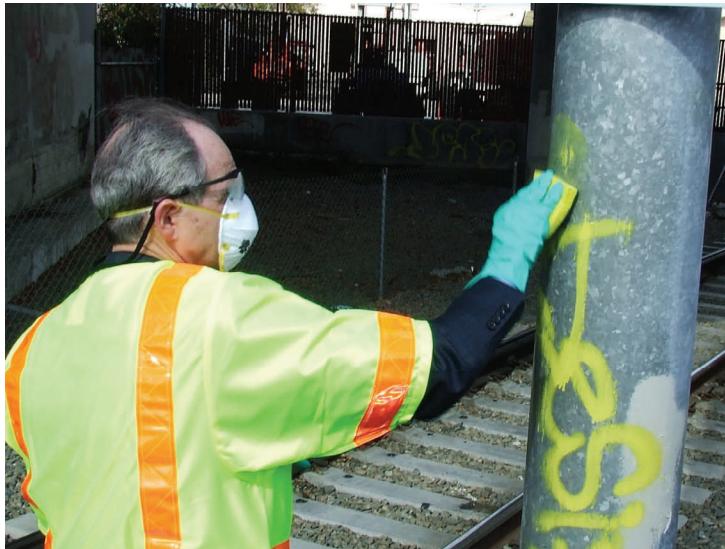
The results of the meetings will guide an update for the MGPTF's new Strategic Work Plan and future funding decisions for the program. The new Work Plan will cover the period of 2008 to 2011 and serve as a guide for gang prevention, suppression, and intervention for San José.

The Mayor Gang Prevention Task Force was formed in 1991 under former Mayor Susan Hammer to bring together law

enforcement, city staff, and community stakeholders to collaborate and respond to changing community needs. The task force is a nationally recognized model that is being replicated by various cities throughout California and other states.

Last year, Mayor Reed recommended an additional \$1 million in one-time funding to support the program. In the March Budget Message, Mayor Reed has called for the \$1 million in addition funding to be a permanent revenue source.

For a complete list of Town Hall Meetings, please [visit the Mayor's Website.](#)



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Taking part in Anti-Graffiti Volunteer Week, Aztec Dancers at Mexican Heritage Plaza Community Meeting, Welcoming Fans at the San José Earthquakes' first game back, Championship Girls Basketball Team at Morrill Middle School.

